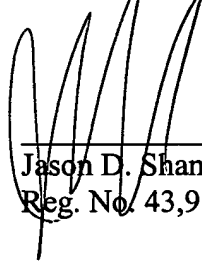


REMARKS

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the applicant submits herewith amendments to the claims to conform the claims to U.S. procedure. No new matter has been added through the amendments.

If for any reason this Preliminary Amendment is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

Respectfully submitted,

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